

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 5, 2013

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SENATE BILL

No. 667

Introduced by Senator Roth

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 25996 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 667, as amended, Roth. Retail sale of shelled eggs.

Existing law prohibits a shelled egg from being sold or contracted for sale for human consumption in California if it is the product of an egg-laying hen that was confined on a farm or place that is not in compliance with animal care standards. Violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would instead prohibit a shelled egg from being sold or contracted for sale for human consumption in California if it is known to be the product of an egg-laying hen that was confined on a farm or place that is not in compliance with animal care standards. ~~The bill would specify that, for purposes of this prohibition, a retail seller of eggs is conclusively presumed to lack knowledge that eggs are noncomplying if the retail seller receives and maintains for one year after the sale a bill of lading, invoice, or other document affirmatively stating in writing that the eggs were the product of egg-laying hens confined in compliance with animal care standards.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 25996 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

3 25996. Commencing January 1, 2015, a shelled egg shall not
4 be sold or contracted for sale for human consumption in California
5 if it is known to be the product of an egg-laying hen that was
6 confined on a farm or place that is not in compliance with animal
7 care standards set forth in Chapter 13.8 (commencing with Section
8 25990).

9 For purposes of this section, a retail seller of eggs is conclusively
10 presumed to lack knowledge that eggs are not in compliance with
11 those standards if the retail seller receives and maintains for one
12 year after the sale a bill of lading, invoice, or other document from
13 the egg producer or other person from whom the retailer purchased
14 the eggs that affirmatively states in writing that the eggs were the
15 product of egg-laying hens that were confined in compliance with
16 the animal care standards set forth in Chapter 13.8 (commencing
17 with Section 25990).